

## **GRADING POLICY**

**Posting grades.** ISET instructors are typically expected to grade tests and post results within a week from the date of the test; following this guideline, term grades will be posted within a week of the final exam.

**Grading standards.** The choice of grading scales and structures is an important part of academic freedom for an instructor. As a colleague at the University of Michigan put it, "I reserve the right to decide who gets an A, but I am willing to accept a university standard for a C or even a B." An "A" signifies that not only the student has mastered the material but exhibits insight and grace in analysis and presentation. "B" typically signifies that the student has broadly mastered the material but has not communicated it with the same élan.

**Grading scale.** ISET uses the following grading scale weights: A=4, A-=3.67, B+=3.33, B=3, B-=2.67, C+=2.33, C=2, C-=1.67, D=1, F=0. ISET accepts the notion that in a graduate class the average should be in the B/B+ ranges which allows for B- as a signal of marginal performance. This preserves for the faculty member the prerogative for setting and applying standards that define both outstanding performance and unsatisfactory graduate level performance—i.e., "A" and "C"—with average performance empirically defining the mid-range.